PERSONALS AND SOCIALS

Mrs. Jesse Maxwell is spending the week in New York City and elsewhere, while Mr. Maxwell is attending the American Legion Convention in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton C. Robinson entertained the former's sister, from Clayton, Del., and a large party of friends for the week-end.

Mr. Wilmer Coleman and family, of Philadelphia, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. William B. Coleman. Miss Edman, of Baltimore, was also a week-end guest.

Mr. Leslie Duyer and family, of Havre de Grace, were the week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. Cranor, in Queen Anues. Mr. Duyer is an editor of the Havre de Grace Republican.

Mr. Simpson, of Randolf Macon is visiting Mr. Robert Lippin.

Mr. Houston and Mr. Carvill Worrell are spending their vacation at the home of their father, Mr. Frank Worrell.

Miss Belle Duyer, of Baltimore, is the guest if her brother, Mr. William T. Duyer.

Mrs. Edward Newton and Mrs. Annie Duyer Brown spent the week-end in Baltimore.

Miss Evelyn Peacock is the guest of friends in Virginia.

CHANCE TURNED BRYAN ASIDE FROM FRATERNAL TO A POLITICAL CAREER

Chance, very largely, turned the William Jennings Bryan aside from a career as a fraternalist to enter the political arena. Perhaps the first popular movement he ever essayed to lead was on behalf of the members of a fraternal insurance society, Modern Woodmen of America, back in 1890, six years before he made his famous "Cross of Gold" speech. At that time he was a young man, scarcely out of his twenties, engaged in the practice of law with A. R. Talbot, also a native Illinoisan, at Lincoln, Neb. Certain officers of the Modern Woodmen of that day had been charged with mismanagement and a special meeting of the Head Camp, or law making body, had been called at Des Moines, Ia.

Both Bryan and his law partner were members of the Society and both had been selected as delegates by their respective local organizations, but for business reasons it was decided that only one should attend. It fell to Bryan's lot to go. The meeting gave him his first opportunity to appear before so important and influential a body of men. His eloquence and ability marked his as a "comer" and he was made chairman of the committee on reorganization in which all ten states then in the jurisdiction were represented.

The Des Moines meeting was held in August. The committee was to report at another meeting in Springfield, Ill., in November of the same year. In the meantime Bryan became deeply absorbed in his first campaign, in which he was elected to congress in the face of heavy odds. By mutual agreement Talbot went to Springfield in his place, served on the committee and was elected Director, thus paving the way for his elevation some years later to the Head Consulship, or presidency, a position he still holds.

The partner ship between Bryan and Talbot, begun in 1887, continued till 1897, when the former withdrew to give all his time to politics, the publishing of the Commoner, and to the lecture platform. Talbot carried on the law business till fraternal work fully claimed his attention.

Politically Bryan and Talbot had little in common beyond a wholesome mutual respect. While the former was a democrat the latter was a republican and it was not uncommon during campaigns for one to take the stump against the other. At one time both were county chairmen, directing from a common center, opposing forces engaged in earnest, if not sanguinary, conflict. Both were broad enough to keep politics out of their personal and business affairs and, more unusual still, neither ever gave his party associates reason to seriously question his good faith or to suspect collusion behind the scenes. It is doubtful if another such instance involving men of equal prominence can be cited in American politics.

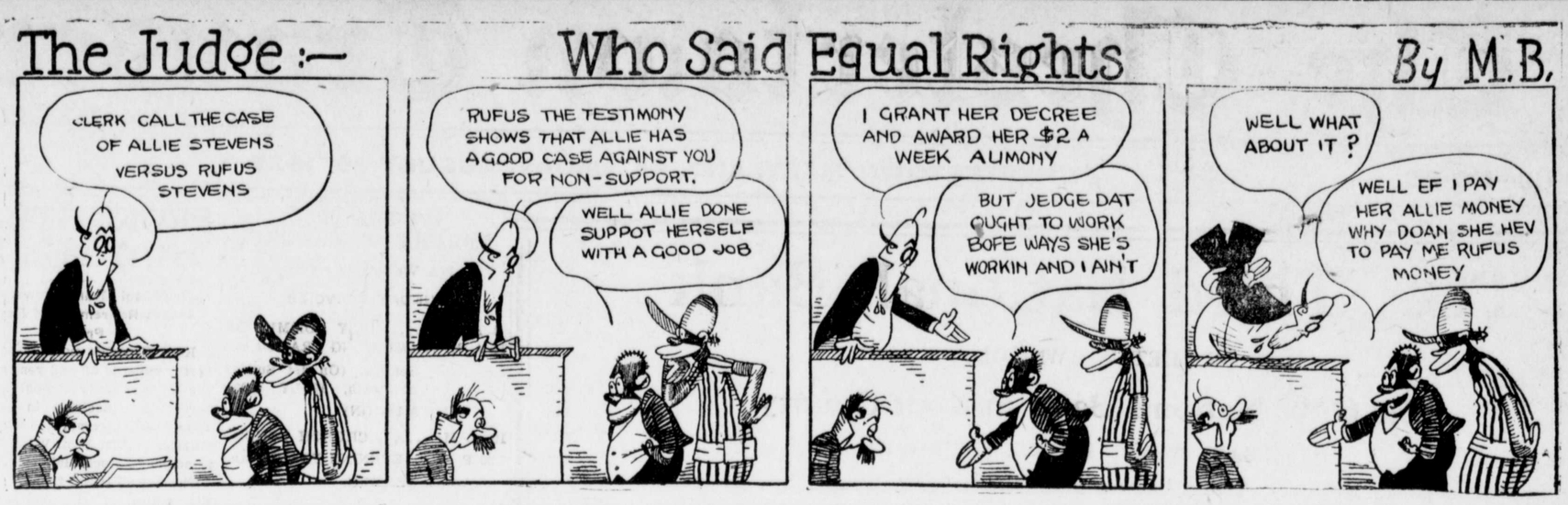
(Modern Woodman)

.. May Reduce Income Taxes ..

Kent county income tax-payers will be glad to learn that administration financial leaders have promised President Coolidge that a tax-reduction bill will be passed before March 15th, when first payments of the new year will be due. Substantial reductions in the income rates, both surtax and normal, as well as elimination of many of th miscellaneous taxes, were declared possible after a conference among the Executive, Secretary Mellon, Senator Smoot, of Utah, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Reprsentative Tilson, of Connecticut, who will be the Republican floor leader next session.

—The fine estate of Mr. James W. Stevens, on Eastern Neck Island, containing 365 acres, was sold this week to Mr. Nelson Stevens, of Baltimore. The price is said to be $40,000. Last year Mr. Stevens and a party of friends purchased a tract adjoining the farm for a game reserve. This is one of the best farms in Kent and has a 10-acre asparagus patch.

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White Cranes Arrive

Residents of the Wye Mills neighborhood in Queen Anne's county during the past few weeks have witnessed the unusual spectacle of many beautiful white cranes flocking to the barren bottom of pretty Wye Lake, which recently was drained when the dam broke under the pressure of heavy flood-waters.

As high as twenty-four of these strange birds have been seen in the pond in one day. W. H. Blakeslee, Wye Mills mill operator and owner of Wye Lake, states that these cranes have never been seen in this section until after the pond dam was broken. Ordinarily cranes in this section of the country are of the blue-feather variety and white ones are exceptionally rare. No one, apparently, has been able to advance a logical reason for the sudden appearance of such a large number of snow white birds

GALENA

Mrs. Madeline McCauley and son, Jack hape returned to Philadelphia, after spending the summer with Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Mrs. James Mulford has returned home after spending the week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Robert Lusby and son, of Wilmington are visiting her sister Mrs. Josephine Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Davidson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a fine son.

Mr. and Mrs. Terery Mitchell and son, of Waynesboro, Pa., are spending their vacation with her parests, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant.

Mr. William Fowler is spending the week with his parents in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton and daughter, Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale and daughter spent Sunday at Bridgeville, Del.

Miss Mary McCauley, of Philadelphia, is visitisg her mother, Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Miss Clara Bolton is visiting her grandmother at Odessa .

Misses Arline and Florence Gale are spending a few deays with relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Thomas Cruikshank and daughters, Lucy and Alice, are spending the week with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Chester Davis, Jr., has returned home after spending the summer working at New Castle.

Miss Lucy Ford is spending her vacation with her pareents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thornley and childres, of Whyoming, Del., has returned home after spending last week with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnston, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnston.

Mrs. Bell Murphy, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Caldwell.

Misses Elizabeth and Francis Ruth are visitisg friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Herbert Caldwell and children are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Colagin and daughter, Marian, spent Sunday in Atlantic City.

Miss Mina Alderson, of Cecilton, Mr. Eugine and Hilda Boyd and Mr. Raymond Mulford spent Sunday at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr and Mrs. Ernest Hicks.

WORTON

Miss Bernice Carter has returned home after spending some time with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Williams and family motored to New York on Monday to spend some time with Mrs. William's sister, Mrs. Ernest DeWitt.

Mrs. Harry Rouse and little daughter have rturned to their home in Aberdeen after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Rasin.

Mrs. James Harris visiteed her children in Philadelphia over the week-end.

Miss Sarah Carter is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Jacob Crowding and son Charles, of Townsend are spending some time here and in Chestertown.

Mrs. R. P. Williams has been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. George Diblin, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Northamer and daughter, Ruth, of Baltimore.

Miss Helen Brown, of near Chestertown, is visiting Miss Clara Matthews.

Mrs. Thurton Crew and children, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Maxwell motored to New York Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott and friends, of Galena spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. William B. Willis.

Mr. R. F. Rouse spent Monday down the Shore.

Mrs. C. W. Anthony is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

The Worton Ten, who have been touring Niagra Falls, have returned and report a most enjoyable trip.

SPORTS

The meeting between Addie Joss, of Cleveland, and Ed Walsh, of the White Sox, late in 1908, with a pennant hanging in the balance, furnished what was perhaps the greatest feat of all time. In that classic Joss shut out the White Sox without a hit, no man reaching first, as we recall the vital statistics. On the other side of the argument Walsh struck out fifteen Cleaveland batters and allowed only two singles. He was beaten, 1 to 0, through an error and a tidal-wave "spitter" that got away from his catcher. In one great crises Walsh struck out Larry Lajoie with the bases full, the third strike being a fast one over the middle, the last thing the mighty Larry was looking for. As careful and as clear a critic as Ring Lardner votes it the finest pitching he ever saw in any single game. Fifteen strike-outs and two hits on one side—no one reaching first on the other. Who can name a greater double performance in the box?

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DR. PERRY AT EXTREME EASTERN END OF TOUR

The field vice-president of Washington College, Maryland, and his party of twenty-five students are now at the most easterly end of their foreign tour. Dr. Perry's seventh article, dated from Damascus, states in part, "I have now reached the extreme eastern end of my trip, with seven hours' difference in time and seven thousand miles between me and home. It is Sunday afternoon and nature insists on a siesta. The foreigner has no business on the street between twelve and four o'clock P. M. The sun is on a rampage. At five o'clock I go out for a drive to get a view of the moon on Mount Herman, twenty miles south west. Tomorrow morning I leave for the Sea of Galilee. Altho but 123 miles south and west, yet the distance requires an eight hour journey by train and a descent of from 2265 feet above sea level to 638 feet below sea level. Some folks go by auto but since the road is unfinished in spots I decided to depend upon the train. In Syria thus far I have used eight autos for my party; one Moon, three Chandlers, two Chevrolets and two Hudsons, all equipped with balloon tires. Tomorrow we have our first train ride in this country. Last evening I saw the first sedan in Syria, a Dodge. The open cars are universal, including, of course, the omnipresent Ford touring car. These are heard, seen and felt everywhere. The Ford touring costs $750; a Buick touring, over $2000.

On the desert journeys from Damascus to Bagdad the Cadillac is the best car for motoring. It has extra containers on the fenders, also, holding thirty gallons of gas. Cheer up, O, ye Americans! Gasoline sells for seventy-five cents in Syria! These Cadillacs make this run of 600 miles in twenty-four hours, leaving Damascus every Friday morning and arriving Saturday morning in Bagdad. The fare one way, including meals, is $150. I saw the last auto leave with three passengers and plenty of expressage. Babylon is but 60 miles north and east of Bagdad and I presume I shall soon be including these outposts in our regular tours. I am not anxious to go just yet.

The motor car is revolutionizing the Near East. Wonderful roads, wider streets and better hotels are some of the more beneficent results of the auto invasion. Then, too, Henry Ford should be made an honorary member of the S. P. C. A. How the beasts of burden suffer! Loading a camel on his knees forces him to carry 700 pounds. While standing he may be loaded up to 1000 pounds. And as for the donkey or, more appropriately, the ass; there seems to be no limit to his endurance. And yet, even he fails. We frequently see one left in the ditch to die or one that has already drawn his last breath. It appears that everybody has a donkey. They can be bought for ten or fifteen dollars and they endure patiently all sorts of hardship. I, for one, shall be glad when I see them no longer beasts of burden. In camel caravans the donkeys escape more easily, for the leader of the vans loads the camels to their limit; ties them together in single file and he, with his donkey, leads the procession. I hate to see any sort of animal abused and this hatred leaves an unpleasant personal reaction to such a trip as I am now making. But the auto will win. The American makes are everywhere; the Fiat, an Italian car, being the only competitor. I do not see where the natives find the money to buy autos but that is equally astounding in the States!

Poverty abounds in this country. The sort of clothes that we cast off gladly the natives would accept as their best. The women dress in plain black with the Turkish black to cover the head and sometimes the face. In Constantinople we saw very few veiled women but here at least half of them appear in public with the face covered. Damascus, however, is the leading Mohammedan city in the world and they are orthodox Mohammedans at that.

I hear the muezzin in the minaret calling for prayer and so I shall cease writing.

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